

Proposed FOLK work party programme for April to September 2024

Note that, according to Natural England rules, scrub clearance and grass cutting should be curtailed between 1st March and 15th July (and tree removal between 1st March and 31st August). These restrictions do not apply to infrastructure maintenance or restoration work which can be done with caution.

Work below shown in **red font** is that possibly suitable for work parties prior to the mid-July end of restricted cutting period. The priority for work items identified below are indicated in **green font**.

Work carried over from previous periods

- Old Area 3: clear up and burn brash from fallen tree **High**
- Tidy up around the re-built Cotswold stone wall and memorial wall areas, and place stone debris into old quarry holes to create habitats. **High**
- Burn hawthorn cuttings from March work party dumped in hollow above Daisy Bank Road **High**

Routine work

- Annual cutting as required on:
 - Old Area 16 above Bridge Car Park **High**
 - Limekilns, including burning of old ash brash deposited previously nearby **Medium**
 - Barrow, Butterfly Motorway and along nearby wall **High**
 - Sidings **High**
 - Brownstone Quarry (including mowing grass and further tree/scrub removal) **High**
 - Judy's Ride edges (including bypass track direct to car park) **High**
 - Remove stones from edges to be cut that were left there during the resurfacing work **High**
 - Alongside the rebuilt Cotswold stone wall, possibly more frequently in front of the memorial corner **High**
- Removal of Ragwort **Medium** and Hemp Agrimony **High**
- Footpath and car park clearance/maintenance as required
 - Undertake a survey, and note any reports by others, to identify what is necessary **High**
 - The section of Judy's ride that has not been resurfaced needs attention **High?**
 - Remove gorse encroaching on track along the ledge from near the top of Windass running West **Medium**
- Cut back growth on and alongside main Cotswold stone wall from its West end to the start of the footpath to Hartley Farm **High**
 - Remove 'creeper' growth coming mainly from the back face
 - Cut and treat the gorse that has regrown, mainly on the back face
 - Replace the capping stones on the 4-5m section of wall where they have been knocked off
- Cutting and treating gorse
 - To remove regrowth in fire breaks **High**
 - To remove regrowth in areas previously cut on outside of Cotswold Way to East of Windass **Medium**
- Litter picking, particularly in areas used for social gatherings and barbecues, if concerns reported **Medium**

Other work

- As required by the Wardens: clear growth, etc. in preparation for reconstruction of old Cotswold stone wall **Medium**
- Remove any 'illegal' temporary structures **Medium**

Monitoring

- Monitor areas where gorse cut previously, particularly by contractors, for gorse regrowth and 'weed' spread and remove where appropriate **Medium**

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